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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on August 18, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the following remarks prior to further examination of the present application.

## **AMENDMENTS**

- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this Response.